



## TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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# Media Alert

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## Texas Veterans Commission hosts first "Beating the VA Backlog" event in Houston Tomorrow

**HOUSTON** – Tomorrow, the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) is hosting the first “Beating the VA Backlog” event in order to provide direct, one-on-one assistance to Texas Veterans with disability claims currently pending with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This event will take place at the Sheraton Brookhollow in Houston on November 17, 2012 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Members from the TVC State Strike Force Teams, as well as TVC Claims Counselors, will be on hand to provide direct and specific assistance to Veterans, family members, and survivors, including:

- Checking the status of pending claims
- Identifying all additional development required for claims processing
- Collecting evidence for cases identified as missing documentation

With the backlog of VA disability claims in Texas consisting of over 64,700 pending claims, Veterans experiencing extensive delays in receiving the benefits that are owed to them in service to their country will have an opportunity to receive one-on-one counseling in Houston this Saturday.

### Texas Veterans Commission

The mission of the Texas Veterans Commission is to advocate for and provide superior service to Veterans and their families in the areas of disability claims assistance, employment services, education benefits and grant funding. Over 200 skilled counselors in 75 cities provide one-on-one guidance to Veterans and their families to ensure they receive all of the benefits to which they are entitled. For more information about the Texas Veterans Commission services click here: <http://www.tvc.texas.gov/Home.aspx>.

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